

March 10, 2008

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Comm. Maynard; Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Judy and Dave Whitten; Ann Blackburn; Sis Claxton; Mike Labitzke – Dietz; Geneva James; Jerry Walden; Dave and Karen Elgin; Bob Largent; Bob Sharber; Priscilla Kelly; Tony Williams; Susan Jamison; and Bob and Sue Boerner.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

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*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated Supt. Gray has a number of items to discuss with them, some being the water issue at the jail; the financing on the filter project and upgrades to the plant – though he will have more information on that at the next meeting for them to review; and there is more good news on the re-ox. Supt. Gray stated the re-ox is performing amazingly well, as the chlorine rate is hard to maintain in spots throughout the system. He added the chlorine level in the water leaving the plant is at historically low levels. He stated the re-ox is great as far as the chlorine goes, though there have been some spikes in the chemical demand, there are now no spikes and the lines are all sterilized. He then stated the scale that has built up in the lines over the years is actually protecting the pipes when it comes to erosion from the re-ox, which is not happening.

Supt. Gray continued his report by addressing the jail issue. He stated they need to run 1700 foot of line off of Smith road to the hydrant by O'Donnell, which will then run directly to the jail. He added this will provide them with 830 gpm, after completion. He stated they will also need to put a pressure sustaining valve in and he would ask that the Board also consider putting in an 8" main at the jail and tie into Pinehurst. He stated the estimated cost, per Barry Tanner at Apex, is \$150,000.00; but once this is all completed, it would bring the jail up close to 1300 gpm. He added the County is paying for that portion of the project, to get them to 1300 gpm.

Chairman Curtis asked if this would alleviate the negative pressure at the Tanglewood plug ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, it would also provide more flow, fresher water, and better fire protection.

Board member Hoehn asked if this will then help the jail ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, the jail will benefit, but the pressure will also be alleviated.

Board member Hoehn asked if the County can help with the \$150,000.00 price tag ?

Supt. Gray replied the other line is more expensive to run than that \$150,000.00 line, and the County is in the same financial crunch the City is in.

Chairman Curtis replied maybe worse actually.

Supt. Gray then stated he does not have an official estimate yet to fix the roof damage from the ice storms, but he guessing around \$10,000.00. He added, as a result, this needs to now be turned over to the insurance company, and he will get three quotes for the work. He concluded by stating the three ice blocks they need should cost around \$1,100.00.

Chairman Curtis added this is a safety issue and needs to be fixed.

Supt. Gray concluded his report by stating they will start flushing hydrants on April 1, and the schedule is posted on the City website, along with some frequently asked questions.

Mayor Tucker asked if they will also be using door hangers to notify people ?

Supt. Gray replied they are going to try that yes, the day before, and they will be bright pink.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions of Chairman Curtis or Supt. Gray ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker questioned the Financial Report.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied she has not seen it as of yet.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

Attorney Higgins stated in reference to the project with JCI, the Board can anticipate an initial presentation on the financing at the next meeting, with final action on April 14th. She added as soon as she receives the information, she will pass it along to the Board.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience are members from 4 Rivers RC & D.

Dave Elgin stated he has met with the Board previously, though he understands they now have some new members. He added they are concerned about the area north west of town where salt water is interchanging with the residents' well water. He added they are proposing a loop that will be tied into the City's system. He then asked Mr. Labitzke to address the Board as to the specifics.

Mr. Labitzke presented the Board with the following, along with a map of the area:

Fast Facts

- • Provides potable water to residents experiencing brine contamination in well water.
- • Accounts for platted subdivision development needs.
- • Extension daily demand is 12,000 gal
- • Uses 6" water main size (per City)
- • Forms a loop between two existing mains (per City)
- • Sustains 20 psi as a minimum system pressure (per City)

- • Provides intermittent flushing hydrants for water age issues (per City)

Benefits to Mount Vernon Water Utility

- • 5 ½ miles of water line extension
- • Funded by Four Rivers RC & D
- • Provides additional capacity for growth
- • Increased customer base

Mr. Labitzke added again that the project would be entirely funded by 4 Rivers RC & D, and they are requesting approval to tap to the City's system.

Mr. Elgin stated they will be mailing out a lettercard inquiry to get an idea of the interest in the area to tap on.

Supt. Gray stated with the completion of the north booster station, the plant will have no issues with the capacity that is needed, but they definitely will need that booster station before they can provide the water. He then stated they can NOT provide adequate fire protection.

Priscilla Kelly asked if any of the new members of the Board had any questions about the contamination and if they were all familiar with what was going on ?

Board member Hoehn stated she is familiar with the situation.

Ms. Kelly added this is a serious situation, as well as a health and environmental concern.

Board member Curtis asked if the City is required to acquire the line at a later date ?

Attorney Higgins replied she has given 4 Rivers a copy of the City's agreement, and they will actually need two – one is for the construction of the main with 4 Rivers and they other will be for each person that decides to tap on – they will all have to sign individual water agreements, along with the waiver against remonstrance.

Board member Curtis stated he believes the Water Utility agreed, in principle that they wanted to extend the service to them.

Mr. Elgin stated 4 Rivers would like to recoup their initial investment, but then turn the rest over to the City, it is their community.

Board member Curtis stated there needs to be a timeframe established to see how things are going.

Mr. Elgin replied they will proceed with the local people in the area to get an idea of their interest in tapping on.

Attorney Higgins added this is all contingent on the project going forward correctly.

Board member Higgins asked when the booster station will be started up ?

Supt. Gray replied he is anticipating construction to be completed within the next 12 months, along with the plant expansion.

Attorney Higgins reminded the Board and 4 Rivers that in reference to line ownership, the City does not always automatically assume that.

Board then consented to proceed.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Bob Sharber approached the podium and stated he works for TMI and has some questions about the upgrade at the plant as well as the booster stations. He stated he has been receiving calls from other contractors about the work, and he assumed that tonight JCI would be making a presentation on the additional costs, etc. He wondered where the project was headed and understands it is probably up to JCI when they proceed, but he keeps hearing different deadline dates from other contractors and would like some clarification. He asked when the bid date is ?

Supt. Gray replied the bid date is 10/1/08, the completion date, to his knowledge.

Mr. Sharber asked if a bid date has been set by JCI, not the Mount Vernon Water Works – he has heard so many rumors....

Supt. Gray stated he did not know Mr. Sharber was going to be present this evening, he isn't prepared with an answer and deferred the question to Mr. Hogan, with JCI.

Mr. Hogan stated this is also the first he has heard of this and he would have appreciated a heads up.

Mr. Sharber replied he spoke with Mr. Honebrink of JCI who indicated last Friday was the deadline – he is concerned as to when this will be bid.

Mr. Hogan replied he is not the project manager but he does know they are still in the design phase. He added he will have Mr. Honebrink get in touch with Mr. Sharber.

Dave and Karen Elgin and Priscilla Kelly left the meeting.

Mr. Sharber thanked Mr. Hogan.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Comm. Maynard stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

Chief Waters stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report for February before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the 2nd Reading of the proposed Ordinance to Amend the City of Mount Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title 15 Land Usage, Chapter 153-Zoning Code, Section 153.146 (C) – Use Conditions – Political Campaign Signs.

Councilwoman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on second reading, with the amendment of deleting (C) altogether in reference to size, as this ordinance before them only deals with political signs. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Councilwoman Hoehn asked if this now needs to go back before the Area Plan Commission ?

Attorney Higgins replied she needs to do some checking to be sure they do not get in the same boat they were in this last time, meaning they need to be sure the change is made in all sections of the code where size is mentioned. She stated once the ordinance is approved it will have to go back before the APC, then they can take further action. She then stated a new ordinance will need to be drafted reflecting the amendment.

Councilman Curtis agreed they need to make sure this is a clean deal – in every section of the code. He stated section (C) deals with time limits, not just size, and if they are going to take part of the language out, they might as well take it all out.

Attorney Higgins added there also not to be any signs put up without permission of the owner. Councilwoman Hoehn stated she is saying on the political side of things, there is no way to enforce this, so it should be taken out. She concluded by stating they need to clean up some of these ordinances. Mayor Tucker stated they have a motion on the floor as well as a second, and then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. Attorney Higgins added she will have the new amended ordinance in their packets for final passage at their next meeting.

Attorney Higgins stated she would like to give the Council a heads up as well that their comprehensive plan, when passed, will lead to review of their current Zoning Ordinance, so they might want to make themselves familiar with that.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?
Councilman Curtis stated he received an email concerning truck traffic in Lawrence Addition. He stated Comm. Maynard check on this as well and all entrances off of Main in the subdivision are restricted by weight, with appropriate signage. He added Westwood, Emmick, Audubon, Coronado, and Riviera are not restricted, as entering off of Lower New Harmony Road. He stated the weight restriction is 5 tons and residents are concerned about the traffic as well as kids in the area and wear and tear on the streets themselves. He then wondered about restricting Jefferson off of Grant as well. He stated Ordinance 89-22 deals with this issue. Comm. Maynard passed out said Ordinance to the Council and added it has two parts, one of which is about the weight limits. Councilman Fuelling asked how many additional signs they would need ? Councilman Curtis replied around seven. He added if they go forward with this, the only way to access Lower New Harmony will be via Grant Street, like it should be. Councilwoman Hoehn agreed those additional streets should be added to the list. Council consented to have Attorney Higgins draft the necessary amendment to the Ordinance 89-22.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated the residents of Cardinal Drive are very pleased with Comm. Maynard's work on their cave in – they did a very nice job.

Mayor Tucker stated he was also told the same thing, good job.

Comm. Maynard replied he didn't do a thing, it was the guys at the department and he will along their words.

3rd District Councilwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he had a call about an issue on 2nd and Water Streets – parking blocking the sidewalks and kids having to walk out in the street. He added Chief Beloit is aware of the situation.

Councilwoman Hoehn reported the boat they were discussing at the last meeting has been moved.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated there is a drainage issue at 3rd and Pearl, the water is very backed up, must be a blockage.

Comm. Maynard replied it was a storm sewer problem and the Sewer Department took their vac truck down there to work on it. He added he believes it is now resolved.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

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